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Item A

Do you think
we should give exact
dates of redaction
in C.U?

I. INTRODUCTION

Lee Harvey Oswald resided in the Soviet Union
from October 1959 until June 1962.

No.

(CE-946, 18H 163, 164, 165)

On October 31, 1959, he appeared at the U.S.
Embassy in Moscow and ^{declared} announced his intention to
renounce his American citizenship. ^{FN} Beginning with
this appearance, Oswald had ^{several} a number of contacts
with U.S. Embassy personnel ^{Moscow} during his stay in the
~~Soviet Union~~. In addition, he was contacted by
several American reporters based in Moscow in their
efforts to write news stories about him.

time
frame
when
did
contacts
occur

It has been alleged that Oswald was an agent for
the CIA or some other American intelligence agency, and
that one or more of the Americans who came into
contact with him in the Soviet Union were intelligence
contacts. ^{FN - source of allegations.}

Need
Smoot
connection
from intro to
to state matter
of
issue

The Committee's investigation of these allegations
included the following steps. Critics' materials
and Warren Commission testimony and documents
were reviewed. Relevant files at the CIA,
Department of State, and Department of Defense were
scrutinized. The individuals who allegedly

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I. Introduction (Cont'd)

contacted Oswald for intelligence purposes were questioned about their contacts with Oswald, their activities in the Soviet Union, their relationships, if any, with the American intelligence community, and their knowledge about one another.

In addition, ^{the HSCA questioned} certain CIA and State Department employees in a position to know about issues pertinent to these allegations ~~were questioned~~.

Additional steps were taken as the need arose.

↑
Such
as.

to resolve the above
allegations

LHO as Agent
or
persons in
contact
as spooks
or?
both?

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II. CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY, 1959

A. Introduction

On October 31, 1959, when Oswald appeared at the ~~American~~ American Embassy in Moscow and announced his intention to renounce his American citizenship, he was interviewed by consular officer Richard E. Snyder in the presence of Snyder's assistant, John A. McVickar.*

In testimony on June 1, 1978, Snyder described ^{this} ~~this~~ contact with Oswald:

He appeared at the embassy stating that he wanted to renounce his American citizenship, that he intended to remain in the Soviet Union to become a Soviet citizen.

He handed me a handwritten statement,** which stated, in effect, that he renounced his American citizenship.*** I used the pretext that the embassy was not officially open that day and, therefore, I was not in a position to prepare the required form to go through with the renunciation and invited him to come back on the first business day of the embassy, if he so wished.

*McVickar testified that he was not involved in the conversation between Snyder and Oswald, but that he listened to almost all of it. (Deposition of John A. McVickar, 5-5-78, p.6, JFK Document #84877. See also ^{Dr} deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78, p.22, JFK Document No. 9264.)

**See C.E. 913, 18H109.

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II. A. Introduction (Cont'd)

I retained his passport at the time. I also used the approach with him that I had to have some basic information concerning his home address and a few other things. (Deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78, pp. 18, 19, JFK Document No. 9264.)

amplify
too colloquial
When
~~Because~~ Oswald announced that he did not want to discuss the ~~reasons~~ *motives behind* for his intended renunciation,

Snyder got him to talk by stating that he needed background information to process the paperwork.

Snyder wanted to obtain information from Oswald *so that he could* ~~in order to be able fully~~ to inform the State Department; ~~to be able to~~ *fully at the situation* handle the expected press inquiries; ~~to be able to~~ *he* contact his family, *since Oswald was a minor; and find out Oswald's motives, emotional and mental stability, and competence so that Snyder could decide how to handle him.

(Deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78, pp. 19, 20, JFK Document No. 9264.)

*Oswald had obliterated his American address from the inside front cover of his passport. See C.E. 946, 18H161. *Oh. I see. Good. Well just use this cite & then a list of Ind. after as needed of the each sentence.*

wrong style.
You are now discussing a fact not yet in evidence. First introduce the fact & then you can discuss it.

FN
FW
through out.

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II. A. Introduction (Cont'd)

Footnote:

Snyder testified that he had no reason to believe that Oswald was either an agent for any American intelligence agency or foreign intelligence agency.

A Did he say why not?

(Deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78, p.50, JFK Document No. 9264.)

Story corroborated by McVickar

When asked about Oswald's appearance at the Embassy, McVickar testified as follows:

It would have been toward the end of October of 1959 -- the record will show the exact date -- he [Oswald] came into the office that I was working in. I shared a sizable room with the other Consul, Mr. Snyder. He must have asked the secretary-receptionist to see someone and was shown to Mr. Snyder, because Mr. Snyder basically on our division of work dealt with American citizens, whereas I tended to deal with Russians. And he had a conversation with Snyder that was in a somewhat louder than normal voice, and it was easy for us all to hear. And he told Mr. Snyder in a rather truculent tone of voice that he had come to give up his American citizenship, and he more or less slammed his passport down

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II. A. Introduction (Cont'd)

on the desk. And the conversation included a statement by him that he intended to tell the Russians secrets to do with radar that he had learned while he had been in the Marine Corps. And he explained that he had just recently been discharged from the Marine Corps. Mr. Snyder took the position that he could not take Mr. Oswald's citizenship away from him on the spot, that it would take some time to process such an application. And so, after an interview that lasted probably half an hour or so, Mr. Oswald left the Embassy in some anger, and I believe he left his passport behind.

(Deposition of John A. McVickar, 5-5-78, pp. 5, 6, JFK Document No. 8487.)

Footnote:

McVickar stated that he had no reason to believe that Oswald was a CIA agent or a KGB agent.

(Deposition of John A. McVickar, May 5, 1978, JFK Document No. 8487, p.35.)

Footnote:

For further information about Oswald's appearance at the American Embassy in Moscow on October 31, 1959, see Warren Commission Testimony of Richard E. Snyder, Warren Commission Testimony of John A. McVickar, C.E. , C.E. , C.E.

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*What did
LHO do between
10/31 and 11/3?
Prinville Johnson
gave him guard
head.*

II. A. Introduction (Cont'd)

In a letter to the Embassy dated November 3, 1959, Oswald repeated his request that his American citizenship be revoked and complained that he was not allowed to complete ? when he appeared at the Embassy on November 3, 1959.

(See C.E. 912, 18H108.)

Snyder responded to Oswald

In a letter ~~to Oswald~~ dated November 6, 1959, Snyder ^{wrote} replied that Oswald could exercise his right to renounce his American citizenship by appearing at the Embassy during normal business hours and requesting that the necessary documents be prepared.

(See C.E. 919, 18H117.)

Oswald never returned to the Embassy to execute the necessary papers. (cite?)

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II. ? A. Introduction (Cont'd)

Transition

✓ *Good point: does JPM's testimony tie to previous sentence if it does might indicate by transfer sentence down her testimony hears upon who's actions at U.S. Embassy*

← Priscilla Johnson McMillan, the American reporter who interviewed Oswald in Moscow on November 16, 1959, testified before the Warren Commission that Oswald "wasn't 100 percent behind what he was doing, that he wanted to get out of it and he left a loophole and that the scapegoat was the Embassy."

(Warren Commission Testimony of Priscilla Johnson McMillan, 11H447.)

← She also testified that "in making such a scapegoat of the Embassy and of Mr. Snyder, he was leaving himself a reason not to go back to the Embassy and hence not to really renounce his citizenship..." (11H447. See also 11H459 and C.E. 911, 18H107.)

what about source shift, the allegation

Organization?

The allegation that one or more U.S. Embassy employees in Moscow served as Oswald's CIA contact in Moscow is based in part on an article written by Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott on February 28, 1964. The article, entitled "'Mysteries' Developing in Oswald Probe," states:

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II. A. Introduction (Cont'd)

State Department records show that Oswald had several meetings with the CIA representative in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. During this period, the assassin was seeking to renounce his citizenship. One State Department cable, No. 234, dated November 2, 1959, reports that Oswald was interviewed by the CIA and other embassy officials.

(Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott, "'Mysteries' Developing in Oswald Probe," Northern Virginia Sun, February 28, 1964, JFK Document No. .NB: This article was reprinted in its entirety in Human Events,

(Insert 1, CIA, classified secret.)

Why is this in the intro section.

*✓ Cite also to
intro back.*

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II. A. Introduction (Cont'd)

The Committee has determined that the CIA's information about State Department Dispatch No. 234, contained in sections 2.a. and 2.b. of the CIA memorandum of March 17, 1964, is accurate.

Foreign Service Dispatch No. 234, dated November 2, 1959, from the American Embassy in Moscow to the Department of State in Washington, makes reference to Oswald's appearance before Second Secretary Richard E. Snyder at the Embassy on October 31, 1959. The dispatch was signed by Edward L. Freers, Charge d'Affaires, ad interim.

It contains no reference to the CIA or to any American government officials besides Snyder and Freers. ^{although} The heading of the dispatch indicates

that a copy was routed to the CIA.

(See C.E. 908, 18H97-99.)

The Committee also examined the information included in sections 2.c. and 2.d. of the CIA memorandum, which discuss Snyder and Freers.

*need introduction
to tie this to
Allen + Scott allegation
to show that the
is not by Committee invert.*

*what
does this
say
E.C. 12.75*

Significance?

Freers

*as well as other
federal agencies.*

*This is
good, but why
is it in the
intro section?*

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II. A. Introduction (Cont'd)

respectively. The results of the Committee's investigation concerning Snyder and Freers follows in subsections B and D, respectively. The Committee also investigated the possibility of a relationship between Snyder's colleague, John A. McVickar, and the CIA; the results of this investigation follow in subsection C.

B. Richard E. Snyder

In testimony on June 1, 1978, Snyder stated:

I sense that a central concern in your questioning is whether I was anything other than what I purport to be and have purported to be, that is a Foreign Service Officer, and whether I had any other contacts, duties, favors or anything else not consistent with what is generally accepted as the duties and role of a Foreign Service Officer.

As best I can, I simply state to you categorically that I was a Foreign Service Officer, that I had no unusual contacts, approaches, or anything which could be regarded as outside liaisons, either consistent or inconsistent with my role as Foreign Service Officer, that at no time did any agency, and specifically the Central Intelligence Agency, attempt to use me, to trade upon my previous brief association with them, or in any other way attempt to enlist me

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

in any sort of activity, formal or informal, which would be inconsistent with my position as Foreign Service Officer, that, in fact, at no time were any such approaches made to me by any agency, including the CIA.

(Deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78, pp. 53, 54, JFK Document No. 9264.)

added

← Snyder ~~also testified~~ that statements to the effect that he was a "veteran intelligence officer" and that he "served in Tokyo under State Department cover" are completely wrong.

(Deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78, pp. 39, 40, JFK Document No. 9264.)

Snyder stated that he had been CIA

With respect to his CIA employment, Snyder testified to the following:

← He took the Foreign Service Examination in the fall of 1948. He passed the examination and was placed on the Foreign Service waiting list of successful candidates. The waiting period was about two years. The Department

*Can you
cite to
source of
these
statements?*

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

of State ~~had~~ circulated the waiting list to various government agencies which might provide interim employment to those on the list. ~~Snyder was contacted by the CIA.~~ The CIA contacted him; he applied for employment and ~~he~~ was accepted. He was employed by the CIA for approximately eleven months, from November 1949 to September 1950. For a considerable part of this period, he was assigned to training functions. In September, 1950, he was informed that the Foreign Service was prepared to accept him, so he completely terminated his CIA employment and accepted an appointment in the Foreign Service.

(Deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78,
pp. 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, JFK Document No. 9264.)

Snyder's personnel file at the Department of State as well as his personnel file at the Department of Defense are consistent with his statements regarding his positions with the U.S. government, with two exceptions.

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

(HSCA Outside Contact Report, Department of
State, 5-8-78, JFK Document No. 8552;
HSCA Outside Contact Report, Department of
Defense, 5-31-78, JFK Document #

First *before the Committee*
~~During~~ his testimony on ~~June 1, 1978,~~

Snyder denied that he ever served in Germany
as a CIA employee.

(Deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78,
p.7, JFK Document No.

(CIA Insert 2)

Good
952 Don.
does insert explain the significance
of Snyder's incorrect recollection?
Same for insert 3

The insert does say that
he served in Germany, but so
what? - materiality of
contradiction? Do we know
the insertion to be
correct?

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

Snyder also testified ~~on June 1, 1978~~
that he has had no contact with the CIA since
1950, except for a letter* which he wrote to the
CIA shortly after he retired -- around 1970
or 1971 -- to inquire about contract employment
possibilities.

(Deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78, p.13,
JFK Document No. .)

(CIA insert 3)

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

As previously stated, Snyder testified on June 1, 1978 that after he took and passed the Foreign Service Exam in 1948 the State Department circulated the waiting list of successful candidates to various government agencies which might offer those candidates interim employment. Snyder testified that the CIA contacted him and that he later accepted employment with the Agency.

(CIA Insert 4) ←

*Why not
include insertion
earlier who
any need at
all for above
parag?*

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

*no hint is sign, for
of Snyder - McKellar connection vis a vis FS list*

Snyder testified that he did not know that both he and John A. McVickar were on the same Foreign Service waiting list because he never saw the list. He stated that he first became aware of McVickar when they met at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow where McVickar served under Snyder in the consular section.

(Deposition of Richard E. Snyder, 6-1-78,
p.4, JFK Document No. 9264.)

In testimony on May 5, 1978, McVickar stated that it is possible that he and Snyder took the Foreign Service Examination at the same time since they were about the same age and both were admitted into the Foreign Service around the same time. McVickar also recollected that when he first began to work with Snyder someone told him that Snyder had been employed by the CIA but had transferred to the State Department, but that he is not sure of this recollection. He added that he had no direct knowledge of whether Snyder had any connection with the CIA or any other intelligence agency.

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

(Deposition of John A. McVickar, May 5, 1978,
pp. 32, 33, JFK Document No. 8487.)

Footnote:

Priscilla Johnson McMillan testified that she has never known whether Snyder was connected in any employment or agency capacity with the CIA and that she has not had any reason to think that he might have been ^{employed by} ~~with~~ the CIA.

(Executive Session Testimony of Priscilla Johnson McMillan, 4-20-78, p.22.)

Footnote:

When interviewed on April 18, 1978, Verna Deane Brown, who worked for a time as Snyder's secretary at the American Embassy in Moscow, stated that she did not suspect that Richard Snyder was a CIA employee.

(Interview of Verna Deane Brown, April 18, 1978, p.2, JFK Document No. 9915.)

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II. B. Richard E. Snyder (Cont'd)

PROTECTION TO
OFFICIALS
IN STATE DEPARTMENT
is selected

Dennis Flynn was a State Department employee from 1947 to 1967. From 1953 to 1956, he was Director of Security at the State Department. In the course of his assignments, Flynn became aware of the procedures for State Department cover for CIA employees.

relocate

*here, just
use for
Snyder*

When interviewed on June 16, 1978, Flynn stated that at no time from 1959 to 1963 did

*Simply clarify
that Flynn did
not say that with
him not why not
all upon I.O.
cover.
who's
the*

that he is sure that Richard E. Snyder and Jack F. Matlock were not CIA employees, and that he is fairly certain that John A. McVickar, Joseph Norbury, and Dr. Alexis H. Davison were not CIA employees. (*Did he state what the*)

(HSCA staff interview of Dennis Flynn, June 16, 1978, pp. 1, 2, JFK Document No. 9534.)

*[So what's the conclusion - did he or didn't he?
What does evidence tend to show?
Marshall the facts & give a conclusion. see over]*

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II. C. John A. McVickar

HSCA before the Committee
In testimony ~~on May 5, 1978~~, McVickar stated

that he has never worked for the CIA. When asked whether he had ever applied for employment with the CIA, he replied:

(He applied for employment with CIA)

In 1948 when I took the Foreign Service Examination and passed it, but they were not hiring new Foreign Service Officers because of financial constraints, I received a letter from Washington on paper without a letterhead saying that an Agency might be interested in employing me in foreign affairs related work and that I should reply to a certain post office box and an interview could be arranged if I was interested. I decided at that time that I was not interested and I never answered the letter.

HSCA
(Deposition of John A. McVickar, May 5, 1978, pp. 3, 4, JFK Document No. 8487.)

← McVickar also denied ever having worked for any Department of Defense intelligence services.

(Deposition of John A. McVickar, May 5, 1978, p. 4, JFK Document No. 8487.)

*Did you
cover
this
point re
Sydney?*

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II. C. John A. McVickar (Cont'd)

McVickar's personnel file at the Department of State is consistent with his statements that he never worked for the CIA or for any Defense Department intelligence agency.

(HSCA Outside Contact Report, Department of State, 5-8-78, JFK Document No. 8552.)

[(CIA files) → *add paragraph*]

~~(DOS) #8552 review~~

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II. C. John A. McVickar (Cont'd)

Footnote

Priscilla Johnson McMillan testified that she does not know whether John A. McVickar was connected in any employment or agency capacity with the CIA, and that she had no reason to believe that there might have been such a connection.

(HSCA Executive Session Testimony of Priscilla Johnson McMillan, 4-20-78, p.12.)

Footnote

Verna Deane Brown, who worked as a secretary in the American Consulate Office in Moscow and stated that she did not suspect that John A. McVickar was a CIA employee.

(HSCA staff interview of Verna Deane Brown, April 18, 1978, p.2, JFK Document No. 9915.)

- 1 Conclusion — Evidence reviewed indicates that Snyder was not CIA employee while stationed at U.S. Embassy in Moscow —
- 2) Neither ^{of the U.S.} Consular official w/ whom LHO had direct contact while in USSR ^{whom} was employed by CIA.

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III. CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN REPORTERS, 1959

A. Introduction

After his appearance at the American Embassy in Moscow on October 31, 1959, Oswald was approached by several American reporters seeking interviews. These included Robert J. Korengold of United Press International, A.I. Goldberg of the Associated Press, Aline Mosby of United Press International, and Priscilla Johnson (now Priscilla Johnson McMillan) of the North American Newspaper Alliance. ^{FA (CRK?)} *It has been alleged...*

What one or more that feeds U.S. intelligence...

Really, this can be included as part of the statement of the issue at the beginning of this section on...

B. Robert J. Korengold

WHO's contacts w/ Americans.

In an affidavit dated September 8, 1964,

Korengold stated:

Where's #1?

(2) In the fall of 1959, while I was working in Moscow as a correspondent for the United Press, I received a report[#] that an individual who wished to defect from the United States to the USSR was at the Hotel Metropole. After several unsuccessful attempts, I finally was able to talk to Lee Harvey Oswald for approximately ten to fifteen minutes at the door to his room at the Hotel Metropole. Mr. Oswald stated that he knew what he was doing and insisted he did not wish to talk to anyone.

Any basis for stating w/ him?

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III. B. Robert J. Korengold (Cont'd)

(27) After unsuccessfully attempting to elicit further information, I returned to my office where I discussed the matter with Miss Aline Mosby, another correspondent for the United Press. I subsequently telephoned Mr. Oswald who finally agreed to give an interview to Miss Mosby. She later had a long conversation with Mr. Oswald. When she returned to our office, we discussed Oswald's case. We both were convinced that Mr. Oswald was an individual who had a chip on his shoulder and that when he had an idea or conviction, nothing could induce him to change his convictions.

(Affidavit of Robert J. Korengold, 9-8-64,
C.E. 3098, 26H708.)

→ Add para on CIA files on Korengold.

Footnote

* Snyder testified that he may have tipped Korengold about Oswald. (Was Korengold asked from whom he received report on HHO)

Bob -
if all
this
falls
into
for,
you
don't
have
much
text.

Footnote

McVickar testified that he had no reason to suspect that Korengold was an employee or agent of the CIA.

(Deposition of John A. McVickar, 5-5-78, p.22,
JFK Document No. 8487.)

What is the resolution of Korengold -
should this be f.n'd? if issue is whether
K was w/ CIA etc? - ~~that is~~

Indicate why no interview by HSCA

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III. B. Robert J. Korengold (Cont'd)

Footnote [McMillan testified that she has had no reason to believe that Korengold was affiliated with the CIA.

(HSCA Executive Session Testimony of Priscilla Johnson McMillan, 4-20-78, p.87.)

C. Abraham Isaac Goldberg

As
~~Like~~ Korengold, A.E. Goldberg was unsuccessful in his attempt to interview Oswald, according to an FBI interview report dated August 4, 1964. *[C.E. 2719]*
The report states that Goldberg was notified about Oswald by the New York AP office, which had become aware of a Texas newspaper article on him. The report adds that Goldberg obtained Oswald's Moscow address from the Embassy, but was unable to engage him in more than a single short conversation at the door of his hotel room. According to the report, Goldberg tried to discourage Oswald from staying in the Soviet Union.

(C.E. 2719, 26H99, 100.)

→ Add para. on CIA files on Korengold.
Indicate why no interview by HSCA.

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III. C. Abraham Isaac Goldberg (Cont'd)

Footnote [Snyder testified that as far as he knows, he did not tip Goldberg about Oswald.

What about Goldberg + intell. ties?

D. Aline Mosby

by whom?
When interviewed on May 29, 1978, Mosby stated ~~the following~~ *that* in late October 1959 she was at the American Embassy in Moscow looking for a story. She was told about a young American who wanted to renounce his American citizenship and defect to the Soviet Union. She discovered that the American, Lee Harvey Oswald, was staying at the Hotel Metropole, and she arranged an interview *with him* by telephone. She was surprised by Oswald's lack of sophistication, his shallow knowledge of Communism, and his arrogance. He indicated to Mosby that he expected the Soviets to give him an important job. Mosby suspected that Oswald had a mother complex or some sort of hangup about women because he granted interviews only to Priscilla Johnson McMillan and her, and because during the interview he dwelt on the problems of his mother, *he believed,* who ~~was~~ being exploited

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III. D. Aline Mosby (Cont'd)

by American capitalism.* After the interview, Mosby saw Oswald on only one occasion, at a Moscow theater. She did not speak to him. After Mosby's news story ^{about LHO's defection} was printed, Oswald telephoned her to complain about it. He emphasized that he was an "ideological defector."** Mosby next heard about Oswald when President Kennedy was assassinated.

(HSCA interview of Aline Mosby, 5-29-78, pp. 1, 2, JFK Document No. .)

*For further details concerning Mosby's interview with Oswald, see her newspaper article, "Fort Worth Defector Confirms Red Beliefs," November 15, 1959, C.E. 2716, 26H90; her interview notes, C.E. 1385, 22H701-710; and Oswald's notes of the interview, C.E. 2717, 26H91.

**Mosby's article, ^{had} ~~in contradistinction~~ ^{7 handwritten?} ~~had~~ stated that Oswald's poverty-stricken background played a major role in his decision to defect. C.E. 2716, 26H90.)

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III. D. Aline Mosby (Cont'd)

Was
Mosby
asked whether
she
CIA?

When interviewed on May 29, 1978, Mosby stated that she doubted that Lee Harvey Oswald had been recruited by the CIA, KGB, or any other intelligence services. "Oswald was a lost soul. No agency would use him," she stated.

(Interview of Aline Mosby, May 29, 1978,
p.3, JFK Document No. .)

Footnote

Dr. Alexis H.

Davison stated that he knew of Aline Mosby in Moscow, but that he is unaware of any intelligence connections she may have had.

(HSCA staff interview of Dr. Alexis H. Davison,
January 10, 1978, p.5, JFK Document No. 4686.)

Footnote

Priscilla Johnson

McMillan testified that she has had no reason to believe that Aline Mosby was affiliated with the CIA. (p.87)

Since
this is
a
very
small
Eden
think
it
be
also
conclusion
should
be
drawn
about
her
intell.
files
as
lack
thereof.

What about CIA files on her?

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III. D. Aline Mosby (Cont'd)

McVickar testified that he had no reason to believe that Aline Mosby was an agent of the CIA.

(Deposition of John A. McVickar, 5-5-78,
p.22, JFK Document No. 8487.)

E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan

*why was this
affidavit prepared
if to whom given*

McMillan's affidavit of April 14, 1978

contains the following summary:

- (1) I have worked for the U.S. Government a total of one month in my lifetime. That was in 1956, 22 years ago.
- (2) I have never worked for the CIA. The record, in fact, shows that the CIA turned me down in 1953 as a security risk.
- (3) I was not working for the State Department, the CIA, or any Government agency in any capacity when I interviewed Lee Harvey Oswald in Moscow on November 16, 1959.
- (4) I conceived the idea of writing a book about the Oswalds altogether on my own. To my knowledge the CIA had nothing whatever to do with my interviews with Marina Oswald, with my research or writing of the book, my relationship with Marina Oswald or my relationship with Harper and Row.

*relocate - yes
Hart w/ her
contact w/ LHO.
Give background.*

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

relocate (5) My book is my studied account, weighed over 13 years, and I stand on it. *Exite?*

John A. McVickar testified that shortly after Oswald visited the American Embassy in Moscow on October 31, 1959, McVickar discussed Oswald's case with American journalist Priscilla Johnson (now Priscilla Johnson McMillan). He stated that he thought "she might help us in communicating with him and help him in dealing with what appeared to be a very strong personal problem if she were able to talk with him."

(Deposition of John A. McVickar, 5-5-78, pp. 18, 19, JFK Document No. 8487.)

On November 17, 1959, McVickar wrote a memorandum on his contact with Priscilla Johnson McMillan about the Oswald case. (C.E. 911, 18H 106, 107.) His memorandum included the following paragraph:

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I also pointed out to Miss Johnson that there was a thin line somewhere between her duty as a correspondent and as an American. I mentioned Mr. Korengold as a man who seemed to have known this difference pretty well. I said that if someone could persuade Oswald at least to delay before taking the final plunge on his American citizenship, for that matter Soviet citizenship [sic], they would be doing him a favor and doubtless the USA as well. She seemed to understand this point. I believe that she is going to try and write a story on what prompts a man to do such a thing.

(C.E. 911, 18H107.)

she means it
When asked ~~about~~ this paragraph, McVickar

*what issue
does
she
raise*

indicated that he believed that McMillan could be helpful to the situation, and that he was appealing to her as an American citizen.

(HSCA Deposition of John A. McVickar, 5-5-78, pp. 21, 22, JFK Document No. 8487.)

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

Footnote:

When asked whether Priscilla Johnson McMillan was the only correspondent whom McVickar told of Oswald's presence in Moscow, McVickar replied:

The record suggests that Bud Korengold, who worked for UPI, also knew about the case, but I don't remember whether I told him about the case or whether Mr. Snyder had or whether it had come to his attention in some other way.

(HSCA staff deposition of John A. McVickar, 5-5-78, p.19, JFK Document No. 8487.)

add para. about Korengold.

*(by Snyder?)
↓
Goldberg?*

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

McMillan testified about the events surrounding her interview with Lee Harvey Oswald as follows. In November, 1959, she had just returned from a visit to the United States where she covered the Camp David summit between President Eisenhower and Premier Khrushchev (p.10). On November 16, 1959, she went to the American Embassy to pick up her mail for the first time since her return to the Soviet Union (pp. 10, 17). The ^{Embassy's} mail pickup facility was in a foyer near the consular office. Consular Officer John A. McVickar came out of this office and welcomed McMillan back to the Soviet Union. They exchanged a few words, and as she was leaving, McVickar commented that at her hotel ~~was~~ ^{was} an American who was trying to defect to the Soviet Union. McVickar stated that the American would not speak to "any of us," but might speak to McMillan because she was a woman (p.17). She recalls that as she was leaving, McMillan told her to remember that she was an American (p.17).

To where was she returning?

How did McVickar know where she had been?

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

*7.
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You'll
have to
a lot of
Ibid.*

McMillan proceeded to her hotel, found out the American's room number, knocked on his door, and asked him for an interview. The American, Lee Harvey Oswald, did not ask her into the room, but he did agree to talk to her in her room later that night (p.11). No American government official arranged the actual interview with Oswald. ^(cont) She met with Oswald just once. She believes that McVickar called her on November 17, the day after her interview with Oswald, and asked her to supper. That evening at supper they discussed her interview with Oswald. McVickar indicated a general concern about Oswald and felt that the attitude of another American consular

Footnote:

McMillan believes that McVickar also informed Aline Mosby of United Press International and A.I. Goldberg of the Associated Press about Oswald. (pp. 11, 12)

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

official might have pushed Oswald further in the direction of defection. McVickar ^{told McMillan} indicated a ~~personal feeling~~ that it would be a sad thing

for Oswald to defect in view of his age, but

he did not indicate that this was the U.S. government's position (p.18), ^{test of whether he believed} McVickar's

memorandum (C.E. 911) which set forth his contacts

with McMillan on the Oswald case, is incorrect ^{the following ways:} in several respects. Although McVickar wrote

that McMillan interviewed Oswald on May 15, the actual date was November 16, 1959 (pp. 13, 14).

McMillan does not think McVickar told her that there was a fine line between her duty as a correspondent and as an American, that Robert J. Korengold was an example of a reporter who knew this difference, or that someone who could persuade Oswald not to defect would be doing him and the United States a favor (pp. 14-17). *

- 3) McVickar's memorandum is correct in stating that McMillan was going to write a story on what

Footnote:

- * In testimony before the Warren Commission, McMillan indicated that McVickar did tell her that there was a narrow line between her duty as a correspondent and duty as an American.

(Warren Commission Testimony of Priscilla Johnson McMillan, 11H451.)

Why is this being included among a list of alleged errors?

FW
Cite to earlier use of this memo.
First summary contents of memo then going to McMillan's reaction to it.

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

prompts a man to defect (p.14). ⁴⁾ The postscript of McVickar's memorandum incorrectly stated that McMillan told him that Oswald "will be trained in electronics." (C.E. 911, 18H107) McMillan testified that Oswald said that the Soviets were considering the possibility of sending him to study, but not in any specified field (p.30). ⁵⁾ The postscript is also ~~incorrect~~ ^{misleading} to the extent that it implies a second meeting between McMillan and Oswald (p.15).

← In connection with the book ^{what was book's subject.} she was writing after the assassination of President Kennedy, ^{stated that she in the recent past} McMillan asked McVickar whether he ~~had~~ ^{and} wanted her to talk Oswald out of defecting, ^{McVickar replied} ~~stated~~ that he had wanted her "to listen him out of it." (pp. 19, 20) After her interview with Oswald, ~~McMillan~~ ^{she} contacted American consular officer Richard E. Snyder to allow him to respond to Oswald's critical remarks about him. Oswald had accused Snyder of acting illegally on October 31 by refusing to accept his oath renouncing his American citizenship (p.23).

New Para.
McMillan
also testified
to the following

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Snyder told McMillan that it was consulate practice to give a potential defector time to think about his decision, particularly when the person was under-age, as Oswald was (p.23).

Snyder testified that to his recollection McMillan did not contact him about his interview with Oswald on October 31, 1959 (p.42). This FBI memorandum, dated November 23, 1963, from Alex Rosen to Alan Belmont, states:

misplaced

SAC Gillies, WFO, subsequently advised that Jack Lynch, Security Officer, State Department, had advised that one Priscilla Johnston (sic) and Mrs. G. Stanley Brown also had contact with Oswald in Russia. Both these women were formerly State Department employees at the American Embassy and their contact with Oswald was official business.

(JFK Document No. 4873, p.18.)

Should have a summary paragraph indicating HSCA position on McMillan contacts w/HTOx consular officials

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

Why?

→ introduction - allegations re McMillan

In an affidavit dated April 14, 1978 ^{presented to this Committee} McMillan stated that on February 6, 1956 she was hired as a thirty-day temporary translator for the Joint Press Reading Service, which was a translating service jointly run by the three English-speaking embassies -- American, British, and Canadian. significance?

(Affidavit of Priscilla Johnson McMillan, 4-14-78, p.1, JFK Exhibit #95.)

In an Application for Amendment of Passport submitted by McMillan on February 15, 1956, U.S. Vice Consul Heyward Isham made the following signed statement to be included in McMillan's amended passport:

I hereby certify that Priscilla Post JOHNSON, holder of this passport, was on February 6, 1956, employed by the Department of State at Washington for a thirty-day period as a translator assigned to the Embassy of the United States of America at Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

(Exhibit 1 of Affidavit of Priscilla Johnson McMillan, 4-14-78, p.2, JFK Exhibit #95.)

How does this tie into PJM possible relationship w/CHA

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

McMillan testified as follows about her relationship with the CIA.

Her memory has been refreshed by CIA documents pertaining to her which she received in early 1978 pursuant to a Privacy Act request. In 1952 she applied for a job as an intelligence analyst with the CIA, which ^{in her opinion} was an obvious place to apply ^{considering college training} because of her background in Russian studies. (pp. 83, 88, 89) She withdrew her application in 1953, but in March of 1953 the CIA completed its investigative process as if she were still a prospective employee, and refused her a security clearance (pp. 83, 88).

suitable?

did she know about this at the time

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

CIA files show that the CIA was reluctant to speak to her or to debrief her whenever she returned from a trip to the Soviet Union. She thinks that authorization to debrief her was granted after her conversations with a Mr. Jameson in 1962 (p.83).

McMillan stated that she made three trips to the Soviet Union, the first from December 1955 until April 1956, the second from July 1958 until July 1960, and the third from August 1962 until September 1962. She denied that prior to these trips she had been in contact with anyone whom she knew to be affiliated with the CIA for the purpose of assisting the CIA while she was overseas (pp. 8, 9). She denied that during these trips she had ever given assistance or information to anyone whom she knew to be affiliated with the CIA (p.9). She stated she did not recall any contacts with anyone whom she knew to be affiliated with the CIA after she returned from

explain that she is not sure of the name & is hazy of where & when she talked w/ him - might want to give quote showing her "poor" memory under oath

misplaced

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

either her first or second trips to the Soviet Union (p.31). She stated that ~~she had seen a~~

~~reference~~ in her CIA Privacy Act materials ^{referenced} to a

~~the~~ CIA debriefing ^{in 1956} in 1956, but that she has no

recollection that she was ever debriefed in 1956 ^{by CIA}

(p.82). She recalled that ~~such a~~ contact ^{she was} was ^{ad. by the CIA}

~~made~~ after she returned ^{for H.S. covered} from her third trip ⁱⁿ

September 1962 (pp. 31, 32). She stated that

this contact was with a Mr. Jameson or a Mr.

McDonald at the Bridal Inn, Cambridge,

Massachusetts (pp. 32, 34; Affidavit of

Priscilla Johnson McMillan, 4-14-78, p.7, JFK

Exhibit #95).

McMillan did not recall ever submitting a

written report to anyone whom she knew to be

affiliated with the CIA (p.33). She did not

recall filing with someone whom she knew to be

affiliated with the CIA a written report

shouldn't
this be
combined
w/ prior
to reference
to Mr. Jameson?

Now
did this
issue
arise
might want
to indicate
by an
intro. sentence

awkward

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

concerning Soviet cultural and literary matters, but she stated that she could have done so (p.33). She affirmed that to her knowledge she has never given anyone whom she knew to be affiliated with the CIA her notes or a copy of her notes (pp. 33, 34).

When asked whether she was aware of being contacted from 1963 to 1965 by employees of the CIA, McMillan replied:

Other than two letters which I believe to have been written to Mr. McDonald I do not now recall having any ^{epist}epistulary contact with employees of the CIA, even on the matter of Soviet poetry (pp. 33, 34).

→ explain

She further stated that aside from her contact with Mr. Jameson or Mr. McDonald, she has not had contact with anyone affiliated with the CIA for the purpose of providing information (pp. 61, 62).

during
what
time
period

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

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During her testimony on April 20, 1978,
McMillan was shown five letters taken from documents
which she received on February 1, 1978, pursuant
to her Privacy Act request (p.45). The letters
were marked as JFK exhibits 96 through 100. JFK
Exhibit 96 is a letter dated March 17, 1963 from
Priscilla Johnson to Mike. *LNU* JFK Exhibit 97 is a
letter dated March 18 from Priscilla Johnson
to Mike. *LNU* JFK Exhibit 98 is a letter dated
March 2, 1965 from (name deleted) to Priscilla.
JFK Exhibit 99 is a letter dated April 26, 1965
from (name deleted) to Priscilla. McMillan
testified that she thinks she wrote exhibits
96 and 97 to Mr. Mc Donald (pp. 45, 46). When
shown a list of names, she was not able to
state positively who had sent Exhibit 98 to
her (pp. 49, 50). She thought that Exhibit 99
was from Abraham Brumberg, who had edited
Problems of Communism for the United States
Information Agency (p.57).

*What
do these
letters
possibly
indicate
re - Agency
relationship*

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

JFK Exhibit 100 is the following letter:

June 18, 1965

Dear Priscilla,

Just a short note to tell you that I am transferring to another section of the outfit and thus won't be involved in the affairs which interest you most. Therefore for the future you should get in touch with *[name]* ~~(deleted)~~, whom you met some time ago. He can be reached at the same number you have for me, and at the same address.

I have greatly enjoyed your friendship and appreciated your helpfulness. I would certainly hope to look you up if I ever get to Boston in the future. All my best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

[name] ~~(deleted)~~

(Letter to Priscilla from /name deleted/, 6-18-65,
JFK Exhibit #100)

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

McMillan stated that she is "absolutely baffled by what 'outfit' means in that letter." (p. 60; see also pp. 86, 87) She did not know whether she received this letter in June of 1965. She did not know who wrote the letter. When shown a list of names to refresh her memory, she stated that she still was not certain ^{of} ~~about~~ the author ^{ident. by} (p.60). She did not recall getting ^{contact by} ~~in touch with~~ anyone for purposes related to CIA work (p.63).

Insert Gary Coit interview

When asked whether she has ever written any books or articles for any CIA proprietary, McMillan stated that her first book, Khrushchev and the Arts: the Politics of Culture, 1962-1964, was published by MIT Press which allegedly received money from the CIA, but that she had no knowledge of this allegation when she submitted her book for publication during 1964 and 1965 (p.62). She denied that ~~there were any other instances in which she~~ wrote for any publications which, ~~she suspected,~~ *she believed*

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

received money from the CIA (pp. 62, 63). She stated that she was asked in 1962 to become co-editor of a publication which received money from the CIA, but that she declined (p.63). When asked whether she was ever asked by anyone affiliated with the CIA to write an article about Jevgeniy Yevtushenko, ^{He noted Russian poet} she replied:

No, to my knowledge, I was never asked to write an article about Yevtushenko, by the CIA or by anyone, except possibly The Reporter (p.64).

*what about
this publication
and evidence
that it is CIA*

When asked whether she had received any benefits or assistance in return for having cooperated with the CIA, she replied:

I am not sure I ever cooperated with the CIA, and I certainly received no benefits from them that I am aware of (p.64).

~~up to this point what is a assessment of PSM testimony~~

McMillan indicated that she was expelled from the Soviet Union in 1960, and that she returned in 1962 (pp. 64, 65; JFK Exhibit #95, p.)

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

She stated that she was expelled because her visa had expired and because she had written an article suggesting that the Soviet First Deputy Premier had been demoted in the wake of the U-2 affair (pp. 70-76; JFK Exhibit 95, p.2). When asked whether the CIA made any efforts to expedite her return, she replied, "Not to my knowledge." (pp. 65, 66)

She stated that she applied for a new tourist visa through the Cosmic Travel Agency in New York City and received the visa. She did ^{(not)?} recall taking any other steps to secure a visa, such as writing to any government agencies asking for assistance (p.75). ?

McMillan indicated that she knows of no CIA involvement ⁱⁿ by the CIA in her being chosen by Harper & Row to translate Svetlana Stalin's Twenty Letters to a Friend (pp. 67, 68).

which ~~she~~ she ...

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

this quote doesn't logically follow from last paragraph need a transition

I was finishing my book, Khrushchev and the Arts, and thinking about what I would do next, and it occurred to me since I had known President Kennedy and had interviewed Lee Harvey Oswald that it would be interesting to understand more of the circumstances of the President's death; and I owed a book to Harper and Row. I had an option, and my scholarly book had not fitted the requirements to relieve that agreement. So I proposed to my editor there, John Leggett, that he or I try to reach and get to Mrs. (Marina) Oswald with a proposal, that I should come and see her about the prospect of writing a book, and it followed from that.

(pp. 92, 93)

If this guy is Jewish, I'm an Irishman.

McMillan denied that the CIA was responsible in any way for arranging her meeting with

Marina about the book proposal (p.93). She thought that authors John Devine and Garold Frank had approached Marina Oswald about writing books, but that Marina declined ^{their offer} because ~~they~~

who
were both Jewish whereas she was anti-Semitic,

was
and because one of them appeared to possess too much of an interest in political to suit her *Marina? colloquialism*

(pp. 93, 94). When asked why Marina Oswald chose her to write the book, she replied that Marina "said that she liked me and trusted me."

(p.94) McMillan denied the following

by whom?
allegations: that the editors who helped her with the book -- Burke Beals, Marion S. Wyeth,

who's one?

What, if anything, has Marina said about this?

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and John Leggett -- were affiliated with the CIA, that she gave anyone affiliated with the CIA any information concerning her discussions with Marina Oswald, that the CIA or anyone affiliated with it were involved in editing or financing the book, that she has had any contact with the CIA or anyone affiliated with it after the publication of the book, or that the CIA or anyone affiliated with it was responsible in any way for the length of time -- 1964 to 1977 -- taken to complete the book (pp. 95, 96).

did not find any evidence to impeach JFM's statement. We should so. if such ev. exists

On the amount of time taken by McMillan to finish Marina and Lee, she testified:

I simply think that an author cannot be put on the defensive about the amount of time it takes to do a certain piece of work. The subject was a shattering one, a very difficult one, an event that touched everybody's life and was in controversy all the time, and it was my effort to reach the most considered judgments that I could on every matter that touched my book and I gave many years to weighing individual questions. It took all of that time to think about it.

(p. 96)

At 10 sentence indicating that the 12 year? period seems suspect at first blush.

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

In an affidavit signed on April 19, 1978, Marion S. Wyeth, Vice President and Editor-in-Chief of Harper & Row, stated:

1. To the best of Harper & Row's knowledge and belief, the United States Central Intelligence Agency (the "CIA") has not been involved with the publication of MARINA AND LEE by Priscilla Johnson McMillan ("the Book") in any manner whatsoever. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Harper & Row has no agreement with the CIA with respect to the Book, has neither made payment nor received payment from the CIA in connection with the publication of the Book, and has neither been approached nor consulted with the CIA in connection with the publication of the Book.

(Affidavit of Marion S. Wyeth, Jr., April 19, 1978, p.1, JFK #7413)

In sections 2, 3 and 4 of his affidavit, Wyeth documents the book's underlying contractual, editorial, and financial arrangements, none of which involved the CIA.

(Affidavit of Marion S. Wyeth, Jr., April 19, 1978, pp. 2, 3, JFK #7413)

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III. E. Priscilla Johnson McMillan (Cont'd)

Footnote [Verna Deane Brown stated that she did not suspect that Priscilla Johnson McMillan had any intelligence duties.]

Can you be more specific

(Interview of Verna Deane Brown, April 18, 1978, JFK #9915, p.2)

Footnote [When Aline Mosby was asked whether she thought Priscilla Johnson McMillan had a relationship with the CIA, she said, "I'm glad you said it first and not me. Yes, I suspected that she was. She was a very nice person and had good connections."]

(Interview of Aline Mosby, May 29, 1978, JFK # , p.4)

Footnote [Dr. Alexis H. Davison ^{had} Davison stated that he probably met Priscilla Johnson McMillan in Moscow and definitely met her in Atlanta when she was involved with the book on Stalin's daughter.]

(Interview of Dr. Alexis H. Davison, January 10, 1978, JFK #4686, p.5)

Needs analysis overall. Also, what do CIA files say?

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Does not fit under category III (American reporters)

III. F. Mrs. G. Stanley (Verna Deane) Brown

When interviewed on April 18, 1978, Brown stated that she met Oswald on two occasions when he came to the Embassy to make arrangements for his return to the United States.

(HSCA staff interview of Verna Deane Brown, 4-18-78, p.1, JFK Document No. 9915)

Brown stated that she did not think that Lee Harvey Oswald was involved with any intelligence agencies. *Why*

(Interview of Verna Deane Brown, 4-18-78, p.3, JFK #9915)

McMillan testified that she has no idea whether Mrs. G. Stanley (Verna Deane) Brown was connected in any employment or agency capacity with the CIA.

(Testimony of Priscilla Johnson McMillan,

4-20-78, pp. 24, 25)

What about Brown's CIA file?

Conclusion

How about Mel + Snyder? What do they say about her?

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IV.

A. Introduction

Dr. Alexis H. Davison was the U.S. Embassy physician in Moscow from May 1961 to May 1963. In May 1963 he was expelled from the Soviet Union in connection with the Penkovsky spy case. After the assassination of President Kennedy, it was discovered that the name of Dr. Davison's mother, Mrs. Hal Davison, and her Atlanta address were in Oswald's address book under the heading "mother of U.S. Embassy doctor."

FN
FN - sentence describing the case

(C.E. 18, 1H50)

It was also discovered that the flight which Oswald, his wife and child took from New York to Dallas on June 14, 1962 had stopped in Atlanta.

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It has been alleged that Dr. Davison was Oswald's intelligence contact in Moscow, and that Oswald visited Dr. Davison's mother in Atlanta during his layover there.

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IV. B. Dr. Alexis H. Davison

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When interviewed on January 10, 1978, Dr. Alexis Davison related the following. He had been a physician in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Moscow as the U.S. Embassy physician from May 1961 to May 1963. In this capacity, it was his duty to perform physical examinations on all Soviet immigrants to the United States. He recalls that most of these immigrants were elderly, but he remembers two young women, one who was a mathematics teacher from the south of Russia and one who was married to an American. The latter was very frightened by the prospect of going to the United States. She stated that she was going to Texas with her husband. Davison said that if she and her husband traveled through Atlanta on their way to Texas, his mother, a native-born Russian, would be happy to see her. He gave his mother's name and address in Atlanta to the woman's husband, who was "scruffy looking." This was not an unusual thing to do, since his family had always been very hospitable to Russians who visited Atlanta. He assumes he gave his mother's

Yes! why not state that this woman was most probably Marina

7 Redrite
the
Oswald

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IV. B. Dr. Alexis H. Davison (Cont'd)

Is this what Davison says?

FW

name and address to either Lee or Marina Oswald but he is uncertain. When shown a copy of the relevant page of Oswald's address book, ^{listing Dr. Davison's mother's address} he did not recognize the handwriting. He stated that he would imagine that Oswald had not come through Atlanta, and was surprised when told that Oswald had. After the assassination of President Kennedy, Davison was interviewed first by a Secret Service agent and later by an FBI agent in connection with the entry of his mother's name and address in Oswald's address book. The FBI agent also interviewed Davison's mother, Mrs. Hal (Natalia Alekseevna) Davison. The Secret Service and the FBI were the only government agencies which interviewed Davison about his contact with the Oswalds.

(HSCA staff interview of Dr. Alexis H. Davison, January 10, 1978, JFK #4686, pp. 1, 2, 4; Transcript of Dr. Alexis H. Davison's Opening Statement at Interview, January 10, 1978, JFK #6555)

What about the affidavit to what Davison gave HSCA?

*Conclusion
What about CIA file review?
DOD*

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IV. C. Davison's Mother, Mrs. Hal (Natalia Alekseevna) Davison

In a Committee interview,

When interviewed on January 10, 1978, Mrs.

Hal (Natalia Alekseevna) Davison stated that she first became aware that her name and address were in Oswald's address book after the assassination of President Kennedy, and that she was interviewed by an FBI agent on this matter.

When shown a copy of the relevant page of Oswald's address book, ^{noting her address} she could not recognize the handwriting. She stated that aside from the single FBI interview, she has had no interviews or contacts with intelligence people. She stated that she has never been an intelligence agent or employee, and that she has never performed intelligence duties or functions. She expressed surprise when told that the Oswalds had passed through Atlanta en route from Moscow to Dallas in 1962. *Never met LHO.*

is this how she became aware?

(Interview of Mrs. Hal (Natalia Alekseevna) Davison, January 10, 1978, JFK #4685)

CIA file review?

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IV. D. Dr. Davison and the Penkovsky Case

*- part in section
on Davison -
not separately.*

FN

Dr. Davison made the following statements about the Penkovsky spy case. In connection with his assignment as U.S. Embassy physician in Moscow, he had received some superficial intelligence training. This training mainly involved lectures on Soviet life and instructions on remembering and reporting Soviet names and military activities.

from whom?

(HSCA staff interview of Dr. Alexis H. Davison, 1-10-78, pp. 3, 4, JFK Document No. 4686)

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During his tour of duty in Moscow, Davison was asked by an Embassy employee, whose name he no longer remembers, to observe a certain lamp post on his daily route between his apartment and the Embassy and to be alert for a signal by telephone. Davison agreed. According to his instruction, if he ever saw a black chalk mark on the lamp post or if he ever received a telephone call in which the caller blew into the receiver three times, he was to notify a person whose name he no longer remembers. He was told nothing else about this operation. Davison performed his role in this operation for

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approximately one year. He participated in no other operations during his tour of duty in Moscow, but he did perform some desk work for the Air Attache. On ~~the~~ one occasion, toward the end of this year, he observed the mark on the lamp post and his wife received the telephone signal. As instructed, he reported these happenings. Shortly thereafter, the Soviets reported that they had broken the Penkovsky spying operation. The Soviets declared Davison persona non grata just after he left Moscow because his tour of duty had ended. He does not recall any intelligence debriefings on the Penkovsky case.

(HSCA staff interview of Dr. Alexis H. Davison, 1-10-78, pp. 3, 4, JFK Document No. 4686)

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